

January 8, 2013

The Honorable Peter Kilmartin
Attorney General of Rhode Island
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Dear Attorney General Kilmartin,

The Coventry General Assembly Delegation respectfully requests you initiate a criminal investigation into the practices of the Central Coventry Fire District. This request stems from a meeting that was held Jan. 3 at the State House. This meeting included the General Assembly delegation of Coventry and the special master of the district Richard Land. During the meeting, the master alluded to possible criminal actions that have led to the current state of receivership the Central Coventry Fire District.

It was discovered that the district made no payments into the Municipal Employees Retirement System from December 2011 through September 2012. Neither the district's contribution nor the employees' contributions were made. During the course of the discussion we also learned the Central Coventry Fire District obtained a loan that was not in anticipation of tax revenue.

The people of the district as well as the firefighters deserve an investigation into any possible criminal actions that may have led to the receivership and possible bankruptcy of the fire district. We respectfully request a response to this letter as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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